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Dr. Harmon McAllister
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Dear Dr. McAllister:

We are writing to ask your support for an upcoming meeting on **"The Cytoskeleton and Cell Function"** which will be held next year at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory from April 26th-30th, 1995. The Council for Tobacco Research supported this conference previously in 1993 (see enclosed abstract book), and your support was critical to the success of the conference. This meeting will once again focus on the function of the cytoskeleton in various biological processes including development and differentiation, pathological aspects of contractile and cytoskeletal systems, cell communication, intracellular trafficking and organelle movement, and cell shape and morphogenesis. The fundamental importance of the cytoskeleton in cellular functions renders the subject of the conference of interest to investigators from a wide number of disciplines including cell biologists, biochemists, molecular biologists, and developmental biologists.

It is clear that this will be a well-attended and important conference. This conference will provide the opportunity for investigators from all over the world to assemble and discuss the most recent advances in understanding the role that different cytoskeletal components play in cell function. Normally many of the people who we anticipate coming to this meeting might typically spend their limited travel funds to attend a muscle meeting, cell biology meeting, biochemistry meeting, or developmental biology meeting. It is our goal to bring them together in order to share experimental findings and discuss common problems. We will request funds from the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation to help defray travel costs for young scientists. However, the budgets of the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation are, as you know, in a state of near crisis, and the support we anticipate receiving for this conference will be grossly inadequate to cover the meeting costs. We are depending on the generosity and long-term vision of various organizations and corporations to help insure the success of this conference. **We are hoping to raise $3,000-$5,000 from your organization.**

Should you be interested, we would appreciate knowing this as soon as possible and having the name of the appropriate contact for further details. Thank you very much for your consideration of our request. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information regarding this conference.

Sincerely yours,

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